

All of the claims remaining in the application are now clearly allowable.
Favorable consideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Claims:

Claims 2, 6, 13 and 17 have been canceled.

Claims 1 and 12 have been amended as follows:

1. (Amended) A bag for use with an automated bag-filling apparatus, comprising:

elongated front and back panels;

elongated left and right side panels adjoining the front and back panels;

a closed bottom panel joining the front and back panels with the left and right side panels;

an open top portion; and

an aperture in the back panel proximate the top portion; and-

a cut-away portion in the front panel proximate the top portion to expose the aperture wherein the aperture is in the back panel only.

12. (Amended) A method of manufacturing a bag for use with an automated bag-filling apparatus, comprising:

folding a piece of paper having elongated first and second free end portions to form elongated front and back panels and elongated left and right side panels adjoining the front and back panels;

forming left, right, front and back flaps by cutting a portion of the folded paper at a first end of the left, right, front and back panels at the folds between the left, right, front and back panels;

coupling the elongated free end portions to each other;

foldng the left and right side flaps toward each other;

folding front and back flaps toward each other and over the left and right side flaps to form a bottom panel of the bag;

sealing the left, right, front and back flaps; and

placing an aperture in the bag-back panel at a second end opposite the first end; and.

removing a portion in the front panel proximate the top portion to expose the aperture wherein the aperture is in the back panel only.